



Brownfields 2017 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet

City of Middlesborough

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

Project Description

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected the City of Middlesborough as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant recipient. The city will work with the community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the Trace District, which is located in the middle of the city's two most significant assets, the Historic Downtown and the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. The district is a community that is in need of investment to protect minority, low-income, and sensitive populations, and includes almost 70 potential brownfields. Redevelopment strategies will focus on the former Park View Motel and four other catalyst sites. The area-wide planning project will assist in bridging a gap in investment and connecting the city's most vibrant resources. Investment in planning efforts will lead to future redevelopment and have a catalyst effect not just within the district but in the entire community. The grant will help to create new employment, encourage property investment, and increase local annual property taxes. Key partners who will work with the city on this project include Discover Downtown Middlesboro, the Bell County Chamber of Commerce, Bell County Tourism, Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Action Realty, JRS Restaurant Corp., and Nagle Law Office.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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